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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FLEXIBLE
FIXATION OF A SPINE

Examiner: J. L. Cumberledge

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 31, 2006, for which a response was due on October 31, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to January 31, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, claims 1-14, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.